

**THE MINNETONKA WINS.**  
**SHE SAWS A GREAT RACE IN THE NEW ROCHELLE REGATTA.**

The Dyer Fin Keel Not a Failure After All.  
As She Not Only Picks Up Five-Minute Lead from the Vaguaro, but Does It After Losing Fifteen Minutes in Trying to Meet A Number of Changes in Her-Hall Flirt Said to Have Done the Trick—Over Forty Yachts Take Part.

What proved to be the biggest yacht race of the year took place yesterday on the Sound of Echo Bay, when the New Rochelle Yacht Club's ninth annual regatta was sailed. No less than forty-five of the fastest of the smaller boats took part, including five of the new "fin keel" variety. These were D. W. Duryea's Vaguaro, W. Butler Duncan's "Fin" Flirt, J. W. Douglas' Adelaide, all Herreshoff boats; George Work's Minnetonka, a fin designed by Arthur Dorn of Des Moines, Mich., and W. Gould Brakman's centreboard boat Flirt, designed by William Gardner of this city. William Osborne's Mystic, also a Gardner boat was expected, but did not show up.

Judging by what these little fellows had done during the last few weeks it was thought the race would lie between the Vaguaro and Flirt, though many thought that the Flirt and Adelaide stood a good outside chance of winning, and more than one bet was made on the Flirt, with the Vaguaro second. The race began with the Vaguaro leading for only a few moments. Henry Andrus' Sassafras, as usual, won in her class, as did Z. E. Lewis' Amazon. Howard's Caper won in the 25-foot and under class for sloops and cats, after a hot race with F. E. Doremus' Wabana. H. W. Butler's Flirt, which had been leading for a while, was beaten in the class for 30 feet and over by defeating the Elsworth boat Matt, as did S. C. Pirie's Unaway in her. The Unaway, by the way, is one of the fastest cabin cruisers in the class. The Flirt and Caper between 20 and 23 feet, the Elsie and Kittie had a close race of it, and the Elsie won. The Flirt and Caper between 25 and 30 feet, the Elsie won in the big open cat class, while the Punch Angles and Crescent will have to be re-measured to see who is the winner in the class of open cabin cruisers.

Terrain won in the small open cat class; the Edie had a walkover in the 18 and mainail class, while the Minnetonka won the 21-foot class. The big boat, which was the first to start, could not stay up to her work at all. It was suggested by the time that her principal fault was that she was rigged, having too large a jib and a horrible fitting mainsail. Since then Bryan Ally and his brother "Bill" have been at work on her, and the effect was noticeable yesterday. While her head sail is still too large, her mainsail has been brought into something like decent shape, some six inches having been taken off the luff. The result is that while she is still tender in any but the faintest breezes, she stands up to her work better and can now go to windward with almost any of them.

In spite of the Minnetonka's wonderful victory, she can lose the race on a technicality. For some unknown reason it is only necessary for a club to announce a race for these little twenty-one-footers to have everything going. Either there is no wind, or else one boat gets all the wind and the other none at all, or else they manage to turn the marks wrong and disqualify themselves. The competition arose, as the majority of the twenty-one-footers went over with the big boats, instead of at their proper time. Their instructions referred to racing rules.

The signals for the start shall be as follows: A blue flag down from the club house staff as a signal for all yachts to report to the starting line. The blue flag up for ten minutes. The blue flag shall be hoisted down and the star shall be hoisted up for ten minutes, during which time all yachts above the 30-foot class may approach the line and take their position. The white flag shall be hoisted for all such yachts to start. The white flag will remain in place for five minutes, during which time all yachts must cross the line, and the time of its crossing will be taken. Any boat failing to cross the line at the specified time will be disqualified at the moment of the fail.

Third. At the fall of the white flag the staff will remain bare for three minutes, during which time each class and under must cross the line. The white flag will fly from the club house staff as a signal for all yachts to cross the line. This will be left flying.

Attention shall be called to each of these signals by a gun, which will be sounded in the case of any such sound when the hoisting of the gun will be indicated.

The ten days prior to prepare for the preparatory signal was what bothered most of them, and the result was the Vaguaro, Adelaide, and Flirt crossed the line before their proper signal timed on the judges' start at 12:27:58, or two seconds before her proper time, she really did not start until 12:30:00, after the signal for the 30-footers started on race day. In addition to this the club sailed their race under Larchmont Yacht Club rules, which has a specific provision that the boat must be at the starting line and taking their time from gun fire, thus further complicated matters, as one or two of them sailed across almost with the regularity of the 21-footers, and the others they were making splendid starts when they really put themselves out of the race.

The 21-footers, which included sailboats and motor boats on the club steamer Myrtle Star, but, owing to the sinking of a stone laden barge at the New Rochelle dock, she could not start. The 21-footers, however, had to be carried out to her in rowboats, Laubins launches, and tugs, which took up so much time that the race was not started until 12:30:00.

The delay did no harm, however, as the dead calm of the morning was replaced by a nice wind from the east, which continued when the starting signal was given and the result was one of the prettiest starts ever seen at a yacht race. All but four of the 30-footers were away with the first gun, and the others near the westerly stake mark, and one could have almost walked a hundred yards dry sand and have won when they packed. They were certainly falling stars.

Vaguaro. C. 42-24-31; Kismet, 12-20-26; Dennis, 12-20-24; Unaway, 12-20-23; Flirt, 12-20-22; Beecher, 12-20-16; Vagabond, 12-20-20; Flirt, 11-27-20; Minnetonka, 12-20-17; Vagabond, 12-20-16; Flirt, 12-20-15; Vagabond, 12-20-14; Crescent, 12-20-13; Wabana, 12-20-10; Kittie, 12-20-12; Edie, 12-20-11; Flirt, 12-20-10; Flirt, 12-20-09; Adie, 12-20-08; Flirt, 12-20-07; Flirt, 12-20-06; Flirt, 12-20-05; Flirt, 12-20-04; Flirt, 12-20-03; Flirt, 12-20-02; Flirt, 12-20-01; Flirt, 12-20-00; Flirt, 12-20-01; Mollie Mac, 12-20-01; Flirt, 12-20-00.

The distance was 12 miles, the course being the same as the Cananee Yacht Club Regatta, from the starting line to around the Matinecock Point, leaving the same course to the westward, and around the horizon back to the starting line. All the boats had to leave the main road on the starboard side, and the distance from the start to the finish line was 12 miles.

Class I was not sailed, owing to a lack of entries. The table of the races is as follows:

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